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## The Happy-Submissive Wife

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THE HAPPY-SUBMISSIVE WIFE(1.) *too!**mk. 16:15-16. act 2:38.*

INT: \*Eph. 5:22-24. \*Col. 3:18. Highly offensive to some!

NOTE SEVERAL REACTIONS:

1. Non-Chr.: Deny the Bible as AUTHORITY in life.
2. Disqualify the witness. Paul ignorant bachelor.
3. Some brethren: Pit Bible against itself, viz Gal. 3:28. vs Eph. 5:23 & Col. 3:18. Contradict!
4. Non-absolute! Relative to their culture!!!

CONCLUSION: All these false. Lesson: God's view as clearly taught by sources other than PAUL!!!

I. THE PLACE OF WOMAN BEFORE AND AFTER THE FALL. HOME!

- A. Gen. 2:18-21-24. Long before Paul. Also I C. 11:8-9.
- B. Man & woman's place: I Cor. 11:7. Also: I C. 11:3.
- C. Principle true EVEN in husband is NOT a Christian: I Peter 3:1-2. Then, vs. 5-6. NOT CULTURAL!!!!
- D. AFTER THE FALL: Gen. 3:16-19! Sorrow, desire, rule *asked!*

I. WOMAN'S SUBMISSIVE ROLE EVIDENT IN THE CHURCH ALSO!!!

- A. I Cor. 14:33-35. Silence in LEADING in the assembly.
- B. I Tim. 2:8-15. Order of creation sets submission.

NOTE: This demands that man ASSUME & discharge his role in the home & church as Head and leader, guide.

II. WHAT THE CONCEPT OF SUBMISSION. DOES NOT MEAN.

- A. Does NOT teach that wives are the ONLY submissive ones! Eph. 5:21. To one another! I Cor. 7:3-5.  
Note: Treat each other as children of GOD!!! first.
- B. Does NOT teach that woman is totally silent in church.  
1. Col. 3:16. Woman obeying GOD! Is NOT usurping authority over man. Not lording it over him. *orderly!*
- C. Does not teach that women are 2nd class Christians;  
1. Gal. 3:26-29. EQUAL in relationship to God!  
In RELATIONSHIP there is no sex difference.  
In ROLE PLAYING there IS a sex difference.  
Note: Former abuse and misuse of WOMEN in any area is no justification for her to JUMP her ROLE!!!  
Note: Nor does her submissive role justify ANYONE abusing or mistreating woman.
- D. Does NOT teach: that a woman MAY NOT express herself.  
1. God's submissive role-woman, is not His GAG RULE.  
I Pet. 3:7-9. Her views are good & important!!!!  
Romans 12:10 demands Christian treatment to ALL.

MARRIAGE: Designed to provide MAN & WOMAN the love, care, protection & companionship he/she MUST HAVE....

→ E. What DOES the submission-concept involve? (24)

1. Titus 2:3-5. Her FIRST and GOD-GIVEN role is her home, husband & family. CAREER!!!!
2. If she goes OUT of her home of necessity, then the family must understand & team up to help!!  
THE FAMILY WILL WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER!!!
3. If she goes OUT of her home for selfish reasons, then the FAMILY will NOT be close nor blessed.  
THE FAMILY WILL BE A CLUSTER OF DISCORD!

IV. WHY THE AVERSION TO SUBMISSION / WHY? WOMENS' LIB MOVEMENT?

1. Historical: "Play-boy" philosophy on the part of many many men. Women-play things. Treated as toys!
2. Business exploitation: Idea-"Sex sells!" USE WOMEN. Women prostituted to saleswomen of Cigarettes, Beer, Whiskey, Cars, Furniture, etc. etc. Cheap!!
3. Male inferiority & weaknesses: Some inferior intellectually & emotionally and feel "threatened" by a superior female. Use force, intimidation & all other tactics possible to "keep them in place."  
MEN HAVE OVER-REACTED. NOW, WOMEN ARE OVER-REACTING

V. WHAT IS THE LORD'S SOLUTION??? Offering 2 views!!

A. TO THE ALREADY BOUND IN MARRIAGE:

1. What did you PROMISE GOD when you married???
2. If there is any HONORABLE way in which you CAN keep your vows, then God expects you to do so!!!

B. TO THE UNBOUND, our youth:

1. Study the scriptures carefully. Eph. 5. Col. 3. Titus 2. I Pet. 3. Sermon on Mount & I Cor. 13.
2. Try to date Christians----or those who are at least religious, spiritual and TRUTHFUL!!!!!!
3. Best insurance. II Cor. 6:14-18. A true, sincere & proven CONVERT to Christ.
4. THEN, plan to give, give, give & give. & GET!!

INV: Can you name me a better life than Christian life?  
Rom. 12:1-2. I Cor. 15:58. ARE YOU ONE?????

HAVE YOU been faithful to I Cor. 15:58? If not, what going to say to Jesus at the JUDGMENT???  
Lk. 6:46. Matt. 7:21-23. Lk. 13:3.



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## ANN LANDERS

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DEAR "I NEED A MIRACLE": You told Ann Landers you are killing yourself with food. Well, let me tell, you, dear — you don't have to die. Listen to my story: I am 40 years old and weighed 203 lbs. I use the past tense "weighed" because I have been on the program of Overeaters Anonymous for the past 100 days and as of this morning I weigh 160 lbs.



LANDERS

You have admitted that you are addicted to food. This is the first step toward recovery. You also refer to yourself as a foodaholic which is exactly what I am, and so is every other OAer.

For the sake of your sanity and your life, please get in touch with an Overeaters Anonymous group in your area. We are all over the country and I'm sure you'll be able to find a meeting place you can attend. There are meetings going on during the day as well as the evenings. You'll meet people who have gone through experiences similar to what you are going through now.

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So — I second the motions and urge all foodaholics to look in the phone book under Overeaters Anonymous. If you don't find it, write to the National Headquarters of Overeaters Anonymous at 2190 190th Street, Torrance, Calif. 90504. Telephone: (213) 320-7940.

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DEAR ANN: In 1975 you advised a lonesome girl who had trouble meeting nice men to take a few adult education courses at the local university and join organizations so she could meet people whose interests were similar to hers. Then you added, "Church groups have a lot to offer."

My 28-year-old daughter, Tillie, joined a church group on your say and that's where she met Albert. She devoted her whole life to him for 22 months. We had him to dinner twice a week and they even took a little trip together.

Last week, Albert's wife showed up at our door with three little kids. She asked Tillie to please leave her husband alone. We almost died of the shock. He seemed so respectable and decent.

So please, Ann, don't recommend church groups as a place to meet nice men. It's a perfect front for scoundrels. — Columbus, Ohio

DEAR COLUMBUS: Churches have rats, too, but that doesn't mean your daughter should go out with them. There's no substitute for common sense. A woman who sees a man for 22 months and doesn't pick up a single clue that he is married and has three kids is not very bright.

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